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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON GOL BRIEFINGS

A. MONROVIA 3372 B. MONROVIA 3242

- 1. CONTRARY TO SCENARIO DESCRIBED IN REF. B, DENNIS FLEW FIRST TO CONAKRY AND MET WITH TOURE AND THEN RETURNED TO FREETOWN FOR MEETING WITH STEVENS. GOL ALSO EXPECTS A WRITTEN RESPONSE FROM STEVENS BUT DENNIS DEPARTED BEFORE IT COULD BE PREPARED.
- 2. DENNIS IN BRIEFING ME ON HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT STEVENS SAID THAT STEVENS VOICED EXTREME CRITICISM OF THOSE AFRICAN STATES WHICH DECLINED VISITS BY THE SECRETARY. STEVENS WAS REPORTED AS SAYING "THE WAY TO INFLUENCE A NATION AS IMPORTANT AS THE U.S. IS TO MAINTAIN EXCHANGES AS OFTEN AND AT AS HIGH LEVEL AS POSSIBLE. WE AFRICANS HAVE BEEN URGING A VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND NOW SOME OF OUR MISGUIDED LEADERS THINK THEY ARE SERVING THE CAUSE OF AFRICA BY ERECTING FALSE EXCUSES THAT DEFEAT THEIR OWN PURPOSES."
- 3. DENNIS SAID THAT HIS RECEPTION BY TOURE WAS MOST CORDIAL AND THAT HE MET WITH HIM FOR ABOUT NINETY MINUTES. FOLLOWING THE MEETING TOURE LAID ON A SMALL DINNER FOR DENNIS WHICH INCLUDED SOME OF TOURE'S CABINET MEMBERS. THE TOLBERT LETTER WAS PREPARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEFORE THE FONMIN DEPARTED AND DENNIS SAID THE LETTER FROM TOURE

TO TOLBERT IS ESSENTIALLY AS HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED IN REF. A EXCEPT FOR COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING.

4. PRESIDENT TOLBERT IN A SEPARATE MEETING EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL GRATIFICATION AT TOURE'S RECEPTION OF DENNIS AND OF THE IDEA FOR THE MEETING. CARTER

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